

to expensive private loans—which don't have the same protections as Federal student loans.

But without this program, the California State Student Association estimates that more than 3,400 students in the California State university system alone could be forced to take out private loans or delay graduation.

Student loan debt now exceeds \$1 trillion. That's more than credit card debt. It's more than auto loans. In fact, it is second only to mortgage debt in this country. We owe it to current and future students to make sure college is as affordable as possible. That is what the Higher Education Extension Act and the Perkins Loan Program do.

We have no time to spare now. Let's get back on track and take up the extension bill that the House already passed and ensure our students are not left in the lurch. Thank you.

STOP SANCTUARY POLICIES AND PROTECT AMERICANS ACT

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, from January through August of 2014, over 8,100 aliens that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had identified for deportation were released back into our communities by sanctuary jurisdictions. Over 5,000 of those released had a criminal history. In that same time period, 1,900 of those 8,100 went on to be charged with another 7,500 crimes.

These are crimes that would not have been committed had local authorities cooperated with Federal authorities in enforcing our laws.

This summer, everyone heard the case of Kate Steinle who was shot and killed in San Francisco by an illegal immigrant who had seven felony convictions and had been deported five times. Rather than turn him over to ICE, San Francisco released him, allowing him to commit more crimes. This guy even admitted that he was in San Francisco because their liberal laws would protect him.

While this one case received the media attention it deserved, many other preventable crimes don't.

For example, the city of Los Angeles released one immigrant who had been arrested for the continuous sexual abuse of a child. ICE wanted custody of this deviant. ICE tried to get custody of him. However, rather than hand him over to Federal law enforcement and get this guy out of our country and away from our children, Los Angeles ignored ICE's detainer and released him. He was later arrested for sodomy of a victim under 10 years old. Another child became a victim of this predator because liberal policies would rather release him into our communities then get him out of our country.

This year, sanctuary cities have already released more than 9,000 criminal aliens from jail and these criminals are committing more crimes.

In California, an immigrant was arrested for battery last year, but instead of turning him over to ICE, the

local sheriff released him. This July, he raped and beat a 64-year-old woman so severely that she died 8 days later—yet another preventable death due to the intentional failure of a jurisdiction to comply with federal law.

How many more do we have to have before people realize what these policies are doing to our communities? Over 300 States, cities, and counties have sanctuary laws, ordinances, or policies that protect criminals and hurt the innocent. These jurisdictions continue to receive money from the Federal Government even though they continue to ignore Federal laws and rebuff Federal agencies working to enforce the laws.

Enough is enough.

I believe that, if a jurisdiction chooses not to cooperate with federal law enforcement, they should not be the beneficiary of federal grants. This is why I cosponsored S. 2146, the Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle filibustered. It is why I have cosponsored similar legislation introduced by Senator SESSIONS.

Unfortunately, others would rather let politics come before doing what they know is right and failed to protect our communities from further victimization. When the proper enforcement of current law could save lives and protect the innocent, how could you not vote to do so?

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING TECHNICAL SERGEANT STEPHANIE McLAUGHLIN

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today we honor the life and service of TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin, whose passing signifies a great loss to both our State and country. I send my condolences and prayers to her parents, Sharon and Fred; her partner, Harold Kiesling; and the rest of her family in this time of mourning. Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was an incredible servicemember, going above and beyond to defend our freedom and uplift the local military community. She was an invaluable member of the Nevada family, and her service will never be forgotten.

Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was born on April 27, 1974, and attended North Hunterdon High School in New Jersey, where she graduated in 1992. She joined the U.S. Air Force in 1993 and then the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1997. Throughout her career, she served at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; the Pentagon, Washington, DC; McMurdo Station, Antarctica; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Carson City Joint Force Headquarters, Nevada. She worked for several two, three, and four star generals during her service, including Maj. Gen. Ron J. Bath, retired. Most recently, she served as confidential assistant to the adjunct general of Nevada, Brig. Gen. William Burk. Her efficiency in her work and

devotion to her job could never be replicated.

Throughout her service, Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was awarded numerous accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal, four Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and two Air Force Achievement Medals. I am grateful the Nevada family was given the opportunity to work with Technical Sergeant McLaughlin and learn by her example.

She embodied only the greatest of Nevada's values with passion, fearlessness, and drive that made her a remarkable individual. Her legacy of empathy and determination will echo on for years to come throughout the Silver State. She was one of a kind, and we are lucky to have had such a strong individual working within our State. We will always remember her for her courageous contributions to the United States of America. My office enjoyed working alongside Technical Sergeant McLaughlin, and I am thankful for all of her hard work and dedication to veterans across Nevada. She was always the first one to volunteer in helping others, which was shown both throughout her career and throughout her time working in the local community.

Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was a shining example in Nevada's military community and put forth a tremendous effort working with the Nevada Military Support Alliance. She deeply cared for veterans across the State, bringing together hundreds of Nevadans to support our wounded and fallen warriors, their families, and loved ones. Technical Sergeant McLaughlin sacrificed countless hours helping plan events and fundraisers in support of our State's heroes. I had the pleasure of attending multiple Nevada Military Support Alliance galas planned by Technical Sergeant McLaughlin and have seen firsthand the incredible impact she had on Nevadans, active military servicemembers, and veterans. The footprint she left on this community will be felt for years to come.

Throughout her life, Technical Sergeant McLaughlin demonstrated unparalleled selflessness, both in defending our Nation and in supporting her fellow servicemembers. Her patriotism and drive will never be forgotten. Today, I join the Nevada family in celebrating the life of an upstanding Nevadan, TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin. •

RECOGNIZING KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Kansas City Kansas Community College and its efforts to support innovation and entrepreneurship by launching 100 Garages, an initiative of the KCKCC Innovation Center to connect area inventors with local makers who can help translate ideas into products. The initiative enables local makers who have skills and equipment to